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2. Prior to early December 1951, troops observed in the infantry barracks in Bistrita, which was also referred to as the barracks of the former 84 Inf. Regiment, included one infantry unit, which wore red service color and outnumbered the other units, one horse-drawn artillery unit, and one motorized artillery or AT unit. [ ] the men in the installation at about 1,000 soldiers. They wore olive drab uniforms with ski trousers, white socks and nailed mountain shoes. In summer, they wore garrison caps and, in winter, they had Soviet-styled fur caps. [ ]

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officer. Up to 20 guns of about 100-mm with smooth barrels, about 3.5 meters long, and shields and with limbers drawn by six- or four-horse teams were at the barracks installation. They had pneumatic tires. Individual guns of a lighter model with muzzle brakes and small shields were towed by trucks. The infantry unit was equipped with water-cooled heavy machine guns carried in two loads. In general, the troops had only a limited number of motor vehicles. Training outside the barracks installation was held around a hill in the northern section of the post area. [REDACTED] observed a dummy tank at these training activities.

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3. Prior to early December 1951, the Mountain Rifle Barracks on the northwest side of Strada 13 December quartered a minor unit, which wore uniforms of the type worn by the troops in the infantry barracks. [REDACTED] no heavy weapons and believed that this unit was an element of the infantry unit quartered in the infantry barracks.

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4. Prior to late 1951, officers and enlisted men, but no march columns or vehicles in formation were observed at the former Schwartzenberg Kaserne in the southwestern sector of the city, on the northern bank of the Bistrita River and directly at the Budak Bridge. [REDACTED] this barracks installation, which was badly damaged before the end of the war and parts of which were slightly reconditioned in late 1950, quartered military offices. Sentries at the installation wore olive drab uniforms, ski trousers with white socks and nailed mountain shoes. The former Constabulary Barracks in the southwestern sector of the city, on the south side of the highway to Cluj served as a civilian hospital.

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5. From May to September or October 1950 and 1951, a cantonment in a forest in the area north of Aldorf, which was 3 km northeast of the eastern perimeter of Bistrita, quartered Rumanian troops. Troop trains which arrived at this installation from the direction of Cluj during this period included infantrymen, horse-drawn artillery units and pack horses. In fall, these troops left the Bistrita area by train. It was undetermined whether the troops were quartered in the training camp north of Aldorf, in whose vicinity [REDACTED] numerous tents. The units observed there also wore olive drab uniforms with ski trousers, white turn-down socks and nailed mountain shoes and had garrison caps.

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6. [REDACTED] the number of men in the Mountain Rifle Barracks at about 300 soldiers prior to early December 1951 and saw 8 to 10 small guns with limbers, which were drawn by two-horse teams, passing through the post area. [REDACTED] that these small guns belonged to the unit in the Mountain Rifle Barracks.

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7. In the noon hours and on holidays, numerous officers and sedans were at the post officers' mess on former Michaelis Gasse.

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8. [REDACTED] the Infantry Barracks on the north-eastern perimeter of the city prior to late October 1951, [REDACTED] troops equipped with guns and other horse-drawn vehicles usually used the entrance in the northwestern section of the barracks installation, while march columns of pedestrians preferred the entrance in the southwestern section of the barracks area. [REDACTED] the men in the barracks installation at about 700 soldiers, saw troops marching out with about 15 horse-drawn guns of unidentified models and pack machine guns. 2

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9. Every spring and fall, the young men scheduled to be inducted assembled in the Mountain Rifle Barracks prior to their departure. Only parts of the former Schwarzenberg Kaserne which was destroyed during the war were still suitable for military purposes. A civilian hospital was in the former Constabulary Barracks. 2.

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[REDACTED] 10. No major military supply installations were known in Bistrita. A civilian petroleum depot of three overground tanks, which supplied the civilian population with lighting petroleum prior to 1950 when the new hydroelectric power plant was put into operation, was northwest of the city and adjoined the cemetery.

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[REDACTED] 11. In 1951, [REDACTED] military units arriving and leaving by train. Residents believed that these troops proceeded to a cantonment near Aldorf. 3.

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25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The statements confirm previous reports. [REDACTED]  
 25X1A [REDACTED] The 1933 class seems to be scheduled for induction in the fall of 1953. It is known that Germans are usually inducted somewhat later than Rumanians of equal age.

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25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. The statements confirm and supplement previous reports by [REDACTED] It is believed that mountain troops, preferably one mountain rifle unit, are stationed at the post. As no information on the organization of mountain rifle regiments is available, it cannot be determined whether the artillery units observed also belong to the border rifle unit.

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25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. The cantonment north of the city seems to serve as a summer camp for mountain troops. According to the present report summer training in Rumania, as by other satellite armies, is also held outside the posts.

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